

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 17th APRIL 2024
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE
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SUBJECT: FIRE AUTHORITY CONSTITUTION – REVIEW
(PART THREE)

Purpose of Report

1. To enable Members to consider changes to the Fire Authority's Constitution for recommendation to the Fire Authority.

Recommended That: Members

- [1] Consider the Sections of the Constitution covered by this report; and
- [2] Agree any changes they wish the Fire Authority to consider.

Background

2. Since the current version of the Constitution was adopted on 18th June 2014, there have been a number of relatively minor changes to it. The most significant change was the adoption of the current Members' Code of Conduct. It feels appropriate to carry out a full review of the Constitution during this Municipal Year. This is the third report to be considered by the Committee; the first being dealt with in July 2023 and second in November 2023.

Information

3. Part Three of the Review covers: Section 4, Procedural Matters; and Section 11, Scheme of Delegation (Powers of Officers). Separate reports are on the Agenda concerned with the Members' Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations.

Section 4, Procedural Matters

4. Attached to this report as Appendix 1 is a slightly revised version of Section 4, Procedural Matters. The changes are shown, with a small number

highlighted which might be considered noteworthy. The reality is that the Fire Authority operates without needing to engage with many aspects of the procedural matters.

For the sake of completeness the Petitions Protocol, which is referred to in Section 4, is also included at the end of Appendix 1.

Section 11, Scheme of Delegation (Powers of Officers)

5. Attached to this report as Appendix 2 is a slightly revised version of Section 11, Scheme of Delegation (Powers of Officers). The changes are shown and reflect relative recent changes to the responsibilities of various officers.

Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

7. The Fire Authority should have a Constitution that assists it to carry out its work. It should be reviewed from time-to-time to ensure that it remains current and fit for purpose.

Equality & Diversity Implications

8. There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

9. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: NONE